



**Board of
Elections**

Information Technology Update

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Introductions

New CIO – Mike Haber

- Started in role at end of January
- IT Project Manager at NYS BOE since 2016
 - Fun fact: started two weeks before 2016 election
- Previously worked on multiple NYS and other government projects for a variety of agencies, in a wide variety of technical & operational roles
 - Fun fact: early task involved memorizing all 62 NYS counties (feel free to test me!)

IT Staff here today

Online Voter Registration (OVR)

- OVR will allow citizens to register to vote conveniently via a mobile-friendly web app that is accessible from a smart phone, tablet or PC browser.
- The web app will collect the required voter registration data and transmit it to the respective County Boards of Election via the cloud-based VR Clearinghouse.
- The web app will allow a citizen to upload a signature or obtain a signature already on file with the SBOE or DMV; and collect data for a citizen to register for the DOH Donate Life program.

Automatic Voter Registration (AVR)

- AVR will allow citizens who apply for services at designated agencies to be automatically registered to vote unless they opt out. Designated agencies (DMV, DOH, DOL, OTDA, VESID, County and City Departments of Social Services, New York City Housing Authority and SUNY) will use either paper forms or an integrated online application process to collect the required voter registration information and submit it to the respective County Board of Elections via the VR Clearinghouse.
- The AVR web application will allow the agencies to submit paper forms as PDF or image files along with required metadata. Registrations entered through integrated online applications will be processed as data submissions to the VR Clearinghouse. The AVR application will also provide the capability to submit required voter registration reporting data.

Elections Clearinghouse

- **Improve the process for Intercounty Voter Transfers!**
- Improve and automate portions of the NVRA reporting process.
- Improve the manual process for National Change of Address (NCOA).
- Implement changes to improve usability of the VR Systems.
- Implement a new election system data exchange standard.
- Implement robust security and monitoring of election data.
- Address recently passed legislation for:
 - Absentee ballot tracking
 - Affidavit ballot tracking

OVR/AVR/Clearinghouse – Project Status

- RFP responses were evaluated and a bidder was selected!
- Contract with that vendor is being solidified by NYS Office of General Services.
- Scope will include new legislation for AVR and expanded ballot tracking.
- VR vendors have provided preliminary cost estimated for needed OVR-AVR changes.
- Outreach with County Boards of Election about implementation will begin once contract is finalized (stay tuned!)

OVR/AVR/Clearinghouse – Next Steps

- Continue working with DMV to modify existing computer systems to enable the changes required for OVR-AVR.
- Continue planning with designated NYS Agencies to implement new processes and/or modify existing computer applications to implement AVR.

Absentee & Affidavit Ballot Tracking

- Long-term: will be part of the Clearinghouse developed for OVR-AVR

- Interim solution needed for this election cycle
 - Technical Data Requirements have been developed and circulated
 - Met with VR system vendors regarding requirements for implementation
 - **Will be in place by April 1, 2022!**

Other Technology Projects

- NYSVoter VPN refresh (complete!)

- Public Campaign Finance
 - Implement technical staffing (including new Project Manager)
 - Collect and document Business Requirements
 - Research existing implementations/solutions
 - Develop procurement method

- CAPAS/FIDAS
 - Went live January 2021
 - Working on fixes and enhancements
 - Building out existing EFS as interim solution to support Public Campaign Finance

- Elections Future Project
 - Update to follow in a moment!

Questions?

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